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1. The following air activity was observed at Wittstock airfield between 29 August and 25 September 1952:

29 August. Between 8:40 and 8:55 a.m., a MiG-15 plane circled once over the field. There was a 2:10 overcast and a good visibility. No more flights were made in bad weather.

3 September. Between 6:30 and 9 a.m., flying was practiced by MiG-15s over the field. The weather was favorable. At about 9:10 a.m. a MiG-15 towing an air sleeve landed at the field.

9 September. After 2 p.m., 24 MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks approached from the west flying in a formation of three echelons of 8 planes each. The planes landed individually.

The sky was 5/10 overcast, and the visibility was good. At 2:45 p.m., two MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks took off. Subsequently, there was intensive air activity until about 9 p.m.

12 September. Between 11 a.m. and noon, MiG-15s practiced flying over the field at a high altitude.

13 September. At 8:55 a.m., two MiG-15s took off heading west. No more flights were observed.

16 September. At 4 p.m., a tight formation of 8 MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks approached from the west and landed at the field.

17 September. No air activity. Between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m., 3 MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars and 5 MiG-15s at the east end of the runway.

18 September. About 3:30 p.m., a Li-2 plane circled over the field but did not land. Five MiG-15s were parked on the landing field.

23 and 24 September. There was no air activity. It was raining.

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25 September. At 3 p.m., two MiG-15s took off although the visibility was poor, and it rained. (1)

2. After 4 September, the AA gun emplacement on the east edge of the field was no longer there. However, it was not possible to observe the entire area. Between 12 and 19 September, the AA gun emplacement on the western edge of the field was no longer observed. (2)
3. After 18 August, no changes were noticed on the radar station at Bunker No 37. It was repeatedly observed that the set was not in operation. (3)

4. [redacted] the taxiway extends as far as Postluch near the gravel pit. [redacted]

5. Between 12:30 and 2 p.m. on 11 September, about 12 jet fighters were observed on the northern and southern edges of the field and about 18 jet fighters parked in two groups on the eastern edge. A jet fighter [redacted] landed at about 12:40 p.m. and two jet fighters individually took off about 1:30 p.m. [redacted]

6. An AA gun emplacement of six 37-mm guns was observed in the southwestern corner of the field. Six additional 37-mm AA guns arrived at Wittstock railroad station about 10 a.m., and subsequently were moved toward the field. (2) The shipment also included billeting equipment, 1 field kitchen, about 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia, and 9 trucks [redacted]

7. Shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were under construction on the southwestern edge of the field. Wooden poles for this project were trucked to the field. There was a wooden fence along the western field border except for a gap in the extension of the runway. Sedan [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were observed entering and leaving the field. [redacted]

8. At 1:20 p.m. on 15 September, 7 jet fighters with auxiliary fuel tanks landed at the field coming from the northwest. There was a 8/10 overcast and a moderate visibility. Fourteen jet fighters were counted on the southern edge of the field, and about 10 jet fighters on the eastern edge. There was no air activity until 2:30 p.m.

9. Six 37-mm guns were emplaced in the southwestern corner of the field. A radio installation with one mast was observed on the southern edge of the landing field. Shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were at the side of the hangars. (2)

10. [redacted]
11. At 4 p.m. on 16 September, a formation of 30 MiG-15s flying from north to south at an altitude of about 500 meters was observed from a village southwest of Wittstock. At 4:07 p.m., an IL-28 jet bomber heading east flew at an altitude of 7,000 to 8,000 meters. At 4:15 p.m., a formation of 2 IL-28s flying at an altitude of 7,000 to 8,000 meters headed east toward the Schweinrich bombing

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range coming from the south. The formation was escorted by 30 MiG-15s which circled in formations of four. An IL-28 plane was observed heading east at 4:25 p.m. At 4:35 p.m., another formation of 9 IL-28s without fighter escort approached from the south heading east. On 24 September, about 35 MiG-15 and type-29 planes were observed at the field. An additional 16 jet fighters were estimated there. The guns in the previously reported air gun emplacements concluded aiming exercises. (4)

12. On 18 September, there was intensive air activity by MiG-15s at the field. The cloud base was at an altitude of about 600 meters. The aircraft took off in formations of four in rapid succession. Some of them disappeared in the clouds. The planes took off and landed with or against the wind. Further aircraft which were observed flying included 1 twin-engine B-25 plane, 1 twin-engine transport and two biplanes.

13. In the morning of 28 September, about 15 light, canvas-covered AA guns were emplaced in the old AA emplacement on the western edge of the field. (2)
25X1 Jeep [] and trucks [] proceeded toward the field. 25X1

14. The officers of the radio installations with one mast in Stolpe and Berlinchen, which are subordinate to Wittstock airfield settled their accounts on 29 September. The operating personnel at both stations consisted of an officer and several air force soldiers. [] 25X1
in Stolpe referred to Lieutenant Colonel Dankevich (fnu) at Wittstock airfield, concerning the settlement of accounts. [] 25X1
[] Dankevich was a general and not a lieutenant colonel. [] with regard to all 25X1
financial matters, the air force Kech office in Neuruppin was responsible for the airfields north of Berlin and the Verder Kech office for the airfields south of Berlin. (5)

- 25X1 [] Comments.
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- 25X1 (2) It is believed that two light AA gun batteries each of six 37-mm guns are stationed at Wittstock airfield.
(3) The building numbers are keyed to a sketch previously forwarded. []
(4) Between 16 and 19 September, there were exercises by Soviet Army units in the Rathenow area. Air force units, probably bomber and fighter units from Wittstock airfield, were involved in the maneuver. For this purpose, jet fighters from other airfields were probably stationed temporarily at Wittstock airfield.
(5) The names of the officers are reported for the first time.

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